

is anticipated for the March 26, 2009, meeting:

1:30–2:30 p.m. Introduction to the Extension Integrated Pest Management Coordination and Support Competitive Grant Program (EIPM).

2:30–5:30 p.m. Stakeholder input on general administration of EIPM, including: Solicitation of proposals; types of projects and awards; length of awards; evaluation criteria; protocols to ensure the widest program participation; allocation of funds, including protocols to solicit and consider stakeholder input; determination of priority areas; and determination of activities to be supported. A break is scheduled for 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Adjourn

Persons wishing to present oral comments at the March 26, 2009, meeting are requested to pre-register by contacting Ms. Juli Obudzinski at (202) 401–5136, by fax at (202) 401–4888, or by e-mail to newEIPM@csrees.usda.gov. Participants may reserve one 5-minute comment period. More time may be available, depending on the number of people wishing to make a presentation and the time needed for questions following presentations. Reservations for oral comments will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis. All other attendees may register at the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted for the record at the meeting. All comments not presented or submitted for the record at the meeting must be received by close of business Wednesday, April 29, 2009, to be considered. All comments and the official transcript of the meeting, when they become available, may be reviewed on the CSREES Web page for six months. Participants who require a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should contact Ms. Obudzinski as directed above.

Background and Purpose

On October 6, 2008, CSREES held a stakeholder listening session on Smith-Lever 3(d) IPM restructuring due to changes found in section 7403 of the FCEA (see http://www.csrees.usda.gov/business/reporting/stakeholder/eipm_stakeholder.html). Changes to Smith-Lever 3(d) funding include: (1) The requirement for a competitive program delivery model as opposed to a long-standing formula-based delivery model; and (2) the inclusion of 1890 Institutions and the University of the District of Columbia as eligible entities to receive 3(d) funds. The primary intent of the listening session was to gather stakeholder input on program focus and design. Prior to the listening

session, National Program Leaders presented stakeholders with the following questions:

1. What should be the primary goals and objectives of the program?
2. How can CSREES funding be optimized?
3. Should there be a limit on the number of proposals that can be submitted by each eligible institution?
4. What criteria should be used in the proposal review and selection process?
5. Should regional, multi-institutional or multi-state proposals be encouraged?
6. Should proposals addressing gaps in current program coverage (organic, small farms, etc.) be given greater emphasis in the evaluative process?
7. What limits should be set on funding and project duration?

The written comment period ran from October 6 through November 15, 2008. Over 400 written comments were received. A written summary of the comments is available at http://www.csrees.usda.gov/business/reporting/stakeholder/eipm_stakeholder.html. Contained in the comments are many areas with broad agreement among stakeholders. For instance, from both verbal and written comments, it was clear that stakeholders felt the most critical issue was making the fiscal year 2009 funds available as soon as possible, which the Agency responded to by promptly issuing the EIPM–CS RFA and proceeding with the competition on a compressed schedule.

Efforts were made to incorporate suggestions from the October 6, 2008, Listening Session into the FY 2009 EIPM–CS program as allowable by law. It was felt, however, that additional input could help structure the program for future years. The March 2009, Listening Session is scheduled to assist CSREES leadership in more fully addressing stakeholder needs.

Implementation Plans

CSREES plans to consider stakeholder input received from this public meeting as well as other written comments in developing the FY 2010 program guidelines. CSREES anticipates releasing the FY 2010 Request for Applications (RFA) by mid July 2009.

Done at Washington, DC, this 17th day of March 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee will be meeting in Clovis, California on April 2nd. The purpose of the meeting on April 2nd will be to approve and vote on projects that have been submitted for funding.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 2, 2009 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Clovis, CA.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sierra National Forest Supervisor's Office, 1600 Tollhouse Rd., Clovis, CA. Send written comments to Robbin Ekman, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, c/o Sierra National Forest, High Sierra Ranger District, 29688 Auberry Road, Prather, CA 93651 or electronically to rekman@fs.fed.us.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robbin Ekman, Fresno County Resource Advisory Committee Coordinator, (559) 855–5355, ext. 3341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The meeting is open to the public. Committee discussion is limited to Forest Service staff and Committee members. However, persons who wish to bring Payments to States Fresno County Title II project matters to the attention of the Committee may file written statements with the Committee staff before or after the meeting.

March 16, 2009.

Ray Porter,

District Ranger.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Ouachita-Ozark Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Meeting notice for the Ouachita-Ozark Resource Advisory Committee under Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–393).

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meeting notice is hereby given for the